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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS OF EMULSION STYRENE BUTADIENE RUBBER FROM BRAZIL (A-351-827-000) THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (A-580-833-000) & MEXICO (A-201-821-000)

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TO: CMC DIRECTORS,
PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT OPERATIONS

RE: INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS OF EMULSION STYRENE BUTADIENE RUBBER FROM BRAZIL (A-351-827-000) THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (A-580-833-000) & MEXICO (A-201-821-000)

1. ON APRIL 27, 1998, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE OF ITS INITIATIONS IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS OF EMULSION STYRENE-BUTADIENE RUBBER FROM BRAZIL, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND MEXICO.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THE PRODUCT COVERED IS ESB. ESB IS A SYNTHETIC POLYMER MADE VIA FREE RADICAL COLD EMULSION COPOLYMERIZATION OF STYRENE AND BUTADIENE MONOMERS IN

REACTORS. THE REACTION PROCESS INVOLVES COMBINING STYRENE AND BUTADIENE MONOMERS IN WATER, WITH AN INITIATOR SYSTEM, AN EMULSIFIER SYSTEM, AND MOLECULAR WEIGHT MODIFIERS. ESBR CONSISTS OF COLD NON-PIGMENTED RUBBERS AND COLD OIL EXTENDED NON-PIGMENTED

RUBBERS THAT CONTAIN AT LEAST ONE PERCENT OF ORGANIC ACIDS FROM THE EMULSION POLYMERIZATION PROCESS.

ESBR IS PRODUCED AND SOLD, BOTH INSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONALLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A GENERALLY ACCEPTED SET OF PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER PRODUCERS (IISRP). THE UNIVERSE OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE GRADES OF ESBR INCLUDED IN IISRP 1500 SERIES AND IISRP 1700 SERIES OF SYNTHETIC RUBBERS.

THE 1500 GRADES ARE LIGHT IN COLOR AND ARE OFTEN DESCRIBED AS "CLEAR" OR "WHITE RUBBER." THE 1700 GRADES ARE OIL-EXTENDED AND THUS DARKER IN COLOR, AND ARE OFTEN CALLED "BROWN RUBBER." ESBR IS USED PRIMARILY IN THE PRODUCTION OF TIRES. IT IS ALSO USED IN A VARIETY OF OTHER PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CONVEYOR BELTS, SHOE SOLES, SOME KINDS OF HOSES, ROLLER COVERINGS, AND FLOORING.

PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY BLENDING ESBR WITH OTHER POLYMERS, HIGH STYRENE RESIN MASTER BATCH, CARBON BLACK MASTER (I.E., IISRP 1600 SERIES AND 1800 SERIES) AND LATEX (AN INTERMEDIATE PRODUCT) ARE NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS.

THE PRODUCTS COVERED UNDER THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 4002.19.0010 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADING IS PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THESE CASES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBERS A-351-827, A-580-833, AND A-201-821.

4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT, VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE

SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIASON, USING ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT SUNKYU KIM OF IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, GROUP II, OFFICE 5, AT 202-482-2613.

5. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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